

Dance Audition Procedures

Students auditioning for dance will participate in a master class that includes ballet and modern dance techniques. A strong background in ballet is the basis for modern dance. Though it is not absolutely necessary to have an extensive background in modern, good ballet techniques are a must.

- The audition class will consist of traditional ballet barre exercises as well as basic modern warm-up and dance combinations with movement phrases across the floor and improvisation.
- Applicants need not prepare an audition piece in advance of the audition. Assessment of the dancers will be based upon class performance, including technical expertise, movement potential, spirit, performance quality and the ability to learn quickly.
- The audition class will last approximately 2 ½ hours. (Please wear leotards and tights, and bring ballet shoes. If you dance on pointe regularly, bring your pointe shoes. Wear your hair up. There will be a brief interview.
 - All dance auditions are on Saturdays.

Audition Tips

- Seek opportunities to take classes in ballet, pointe and modern as often as possible (not including choreography rehearsals) to improve your technique and your ability to pick up combinations quickly;
- Develop proficiency and accuracy when executing ballet technique. Develop good alignment in the body for proper placement in the ballet line; Develop a sense of breath in your movements and how to be grounded when executing modern technique;
- Develop spatial awareness and direction of focus along with an ability to execute combinations facing different direction of the room;
- Develop expressiveness and passion in your dancing. Show us why you love to dance and why we should pick you;
- Develop a professional and engaged demeanor during interviews. Be honest with your answers. Do not tell us what you think we want to hear;
- Appropriate attire for master class includes leotard (ladies)/t-shirt (men) and tights, and clean shoes. Cover-ups are not permitted during the audition. Please make sure that there are no holes in shoes, tights or leotards. Hair must be pulled neatly back; Give us a good impression of who you are!